

THE EVENING CHRONICLE

STRATHCONA, ALBERTA WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1907

Grain Conspiracy Dismissed.

Winnipeg, May 21.—The case of the King vs. J. J. Gage and others in the grain conspiracy came to a practically hasty end at a time when Judge Phillips read his judgment in the case. The three defendants, J. J. Gage, J. G. McHugh and John Lowrie were not found guilty.

The judgment was in the words: "As I must determine whether or not the evidence discloses any undue restraint, I must consider the question at large." The trial was adjourned after which I had read during the last two years, I approached the trial of this case quite prepared for disclosures of methods imminent to the public interest that would be either to the farmers or to its enemies or through misinterpretation of those economic conditions for the continuation of it is a public necessity. At the trial, the counsel for the crown, therefore, given the widest latitude in their statement. The whole question was investigated practically without restriction. Yet with all the evidence before me I am of the opinion that not only was no undue restraint to trade disclosed, but that the very acts complained of, taken in connection with their surrounding conditions, made up the case for a more stable market at the fair value price, & for the public good.

The gravamen of the whole charge hangs on the commission rule. Defendants contend that if a business would be temporarily done at less than one cent a bushel profit but not for long. Witnesses all agreed this was the lowest profit that while the business could be done under a clause inserted in unsound conditions, conditions which, while temporarily profitable to the wheat grower, would inevitably end in an early and disastrous failure. These conditions are now, according to all evidence, Fort William prices are the highest the world's market can justify, and these are the prices it is necessary to pay to secure a market carrying charge, and less one cent a bushel as the dealer's profit, which the farmer actually received for his

These safeguards to the grain growers and to me appears a very real and permanent one, is the impossibility of preventing the free competition by the millers and the power plant operators. With the exception of the miller at its full value and with equivalent comparative prices assured to the farmer by our present system of car distribution and loading, it would be the interest of the grain dealers to the detriment of the grain growers of the country between the grower and the miller should be taken care of by a fixed certain and reasonable commission rather than that the market should be destroyed, the legitimate dealers credit impaired and the greatest number of great Canadian men made sport for speculators. For these reasons I find there was no undue restraint. Under my construction of the statute no action was offered to support the first and second counts in the indictment. The defendants are not guilty."

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Steamer Burned.
The Steamer Name of the Crossley Transportation Company was burned to the water's edge today, while en route from Grand Haven to Milwaukee. Fifty passengers were taken off by the steamer Stratford. Four members of the crew were burned to death. Among the injured is J. M. Rhodes, of Detroit, who is in a hospital bed.

Sharp Advance In Cereals.

Chicago, May 21.—The prices of all cereals advanced sharply to-day because of the heavy rains of drenching and growing crops. All divisions of wheat with the exception of the July option touched new high record wheat.

Italian Immigration.

Toronto, May 21.—Professor Edward J. Sacco, teacher of the Italian language in the Toronto University, has been appointed by the Government to supervise the Italian immigration during the coming summer. He will assume his duties in June. Professor Sacco will act directly under the minister of agriculture. He will inquire into the condition of Italian navvies working on railways and the treatment accorded to them and will also be placed in full charge of all Italian immigration received under the Government bureaus. Under his report it is probable that legislation governing the employment and treatment of foreigners may be based.

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Saskatoon's Heavy Suit.

Saskatoon, Sask., May 21.—A suit for \$17,602.31 was served on the city of Saskatoon by Sutherland & Jordan, local agents for the plaintiff's counsel, Hautlein & Cross of Regina. The plaintiffs are Fry & Masterson, of Moose Jaw. In addition \$2,000 interest was added on a cheque deposited last August which was cashed by the city. Damages of \$15,000 are asked for the loss of a contract, and \$602.31 for material and incidental expenses.

The trouble is over a contract awarded to Fry & Masterson for sewer and water pipe laying, amounting to over \$7,000. The contract was afterwards repudiated and this spring awarded to the Saskatoon Construction Company.

The history of the cause for the suit referred to in the above dispatch is an interesting one. F. E. Fry, the well-known contractor of Moose Jaw, was awarded the contract for the extension of the waterworks and sewerage system at Saskatoon last summer. Willis Chapman, the city's engineer, had an assistant named Campbell, who had been in charge of the work at Moose Jaw previously. Fry and Campbell had not got along well at Moose Jaw, and the engineer reported against a full payment of Fry's claim for work done for the city. The council overruled the engineer and paid the bill and did not express any high regard for Campbell's ability. After Fry & Masterson had secured the contract for the Saskatoon work Campbell indulged in a good deal of knocking, and as he was at that time a prospective son-in-law of their mayor, Jimmy Clinkskill, the council took advantage of the fact that Fry & Masterson had dissolved partnership to repudiate the contract. That was the ostensible reason for the repudiation, but the real reason was the relations between Fry and Campbell. Fry had deposited a cheque for \$2,000 with his tender payable to the city, and despite the repudiation of the contract the cheque was cashed by the city and has been used ever since August last. Clinkskill declined to run for mayor again last November, and since then Campbell has left the employ of Chapman and engaged in the contracting business on his own behalf under the name of a company in which it is said his father-in-law, Clinkskill, is largely interested. It is significant that this company has since secured the contract which Fry was refused. It was claimed that Fry's was a good fat price for the work, but as it was secured in open competition the action of the municipality throughout has been of the shabbiest kind.

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Doukhobor Lands will Be Throw Open.

Winnipeg, May 21.—The Langham, Sask., board of trade has sent the following statement: "Doukhobor lands to the extent of 39 acres will be thrown open for homestead entry on June 1, 3, 4 and 5, within one to fifteen miles of Langham, Sask."

By the order in council under which this land is opened, entry will be granted for each quarter section to the first eligible applicant applying thereafter at the counter at the lands office at Prince Albert.

Longshoremen Accept Arbitration.

Montreal, May 21.—At a meeting of the longshoremen today a vote was taken on arbitration, when the proposition to accept the offer was carried by a large majority.

Readers Ready In January.

(Special to The Chronicle)
Winnipeg, May 22.—Western Education, artfully engrossed in perfecting the senior readers required for Sasquatch, the new magazine which they have nearly completed their work, the new series are expected to go into use at the opening of the January term.

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(Special to The Chronicle)
WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE.

Calgary

Medicine Hat

Al Lethbridge

Edmonton

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Chicago

Chicago

New York

At Philadelphia

Baltimore

Philadelphia

At Boston

Boston

St. Louis

At Brooklyn

Cincinnati

Brooklyn

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Chicago

Chicago

Boston

At Detroit

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At St. Louis

New York

At Cleveland

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Washington

EASTERN LEAGUE.

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A petition for an eight foot plank road across East of East Railway Street from the southwest corner of block 68 to the northwest corner of block 78 was referred to the same committee.

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Busy Session of Council.

At last night's meeting of the city council a letter was read from Mr. G. Mitchell, of Campbellton, Ont., referring to costs and rates of the laying of gasmain pipes walls for 75 cents a hour. Mr. Mitchell was well recommended by Alderman Bamford. The committee was given power to act.

The discussion following the reading of the communication brought up once more the much discussed long-prime, financial audit and audit. A motion was passed to accept the resignation, but it then occurred to someone that Mr. Bamford and others wanted to do so before giving up his duties, and accordingly he should be required to do so before giving up his duties and a motion to reconsider was passed.

Then Alderman Bamford and McFarland voted to accept the resignation, and it was voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Clarkes to be paid for his work when he had submitted his audit to date. The mayor then voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Bamford, and it was voted to accept the resignation of Mr. McFarland.

The Public Works Committee reported that the new sidewalk on the west side of Oliver Avenue, with four-foot concrete walls on the west side of Duggan Street from Whyte Avenue to Griesbach Avenue, and on the east side of Oliver Avenue, with four-foot concrete walls on the east side of Duggan Street from Whyte Avenue to Griesbach Avenue, was put in repair as far west as the brow of the hill and southwest over the hillside as far as the survey extends on what is known as McKernan's landing.

The report was adopted.

The Fire and Light Committee reported having ordered three cars of cedar poles for cedar fence posts and wires. They also reported that the contract for alterations to the Fire Hall had been let to the lowest tender, Wm. Jurdran, at \$1,240. These reports were adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended that the resignation of G. E. Downes, Secretary-Treasurer, take effect May 31st, and that the resignation of S. Bowden Smart take effect on the same date. Report adopted.

The same committee reported against the aerated water factory proposed by Mr. C. R. Watson.

The Public Works Committee reported that the new bridge had been unable to secure a building for stone masons and carpenters, and recommended that the bridge be constructed. The size required was about 10 x 24 feet. The matter was referred back to the committee to report at the next meeting.

With regard to the petition recently handed in for a public library, the Finance Committee recommended that the petition be referred to the council, and recommended that the money be used to purchase books of good conduct. Through their solicitors, Messrs. Bishop and Grant, they threatened legal action, but the committee refused to trouble them more, referred the communication to the town hall, market and police committee.

Mr. J. D. Duggan was asked for a copy of a petition previously sent to him and others asking the removal of a fence.

Mr. Duggan wished to have the fence taken down, but he was advised that the fence was not in the first class fire limit. Mr. Duggan wished to place the fence on the corner of Whyte Avenue to East of Railway Street, on one of the lots in question. The council decided that they could not grant the request.

The medical health officer wrote stating what steps had been taken to provide for the safety of the public and for the prevention and curing of cases of infection, disease, and urged the proceeding without delay of an isolation hospital.

In reference to this matter the health board had been informed that land had been procured and that a building suitable for the purpose was being moved on to it.

Petitions for sidewalks and boundary walls in the entire area of Main Street and West Main Street were referred to the council, and the same were being built.

Three by-laws were passed, one establishing by-law 184, and one establishing regulations providing for subdivisions and boundaries.

The seven o'clock rate was suspended to allow for the consideration of application for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. The following gentlemen were nominated:

John Bamford, Edward Gee, Secretary-Treasurer for East Edmonton School District; H. M. Williams, accountant for May-Sharp Construction Company; Edmonton; and Guy A. Berry, late of Dundas,

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Large C.P.R. Contract.

Winnipeg, May 22.—The contract for the addition to the C.P.R. shops here has been let to cost \$150,000.

Stratford's New Shops.

Stratford, May 22.—The Grand Trunk will spend several hundred thousand dollars in erecting new shops in this city.

Sold For Million.

Cobalt, May 22.—An English syndicate yesterday purchased the properties and equipment of the Casey Mining Co. here, the consideration being one million dollars. The deal is the largest in the history of Cobalt.

Three New Districts.

Calgary, May 22.—The station committee of the Alberta Conference in session here has decided to create three new districts and a large number of new circuits, and will require at least fifty young men for ministerial missionary work.

Children's Narrow Escape.

(Special to The Chronicle)

Toronto, May 22.—Several children playing on Beverly Avenue had a narrow escape from a terrible death yesterday. While playing on the street they discovered a box under the sidewalk which contained twenty five sticks of dynamite left by their workmen. A passer-by noticed what the children's terrible toys comprised and telephoned the police who hurried to the scene and secured the explosives.

Constant in Dignity.

London, May 22.—The Tribune commenting on the breaches of good manners shown during the conference by some of the nation's guests, eulogizes Laurier and Botha, the oldest and youngest premiers respectively, on being constant in dignity.

Around the City.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of L. O. L. 1854 will be held tomorrow evening in the Orange Hall. All the brethren are requested to attend.

A meeting of the Stratford City Football team will be held in the Orange Hall to-night to complete arrangements for the proposed trip to Crowsnest. All members are requested to attend.

D. A. McGibbon, who is connected with the Plaindealer staff, recently won the D. E. Thompson scholarship of \$50 in Economics at McMaster University, standing first in every subject at the close of his third year work. As the committee was a heavy one, Mr. McGibbon is deservedly of great credit for the excellent standing attained.

A serious accident happened to a horse belonging to William Smith, of White Mud, last evening. Mr. Smith had come to the city to secure the services of Dr. Murphy V. S. for a valuable mare, which was ill at his place, and was coming to the office of P. Burns and Gray, B. L. Livrey Stable the mare was driving stepped on one end of a board and the other end which was sharp flew up and pierced the mare's flank. It was first thought the animal could not live but a short time as the fluid of the mare's body was tremendous, but Dr. Murphy succeeded in stopping it, and will likely save the life of the mare.

After treating the wounded animal the doctor drove out to Smith's farm and succeeded in successfully treating the mare that was sick out there.

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MAIN STREET NORTH

By-law No. 189.

A By-law to provide for raising \$12,000.00 to purchase Block 25A as a Market Site.

WHEREAS it is advisable that the City of Strathcona should purchase Block numbered 25A in the City of Strathcona as a market site and the plan of subdivision of the said City of Strathcona record in the Land Titles Office for the time being, and the said Block is situated in the District as Plan 2346 P for a market site.

AND WHEREAS in order thereto it will be necessary to borrow money from the City of Strathcona for the sum of \$12,000.00, which is the amount of the proposed by-law.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the debt to be created by the proposed by-law is \$12,000.00.

AND WHEREAS (a) the period over which the indebtedness is to be spread shall be twenty-five years.

AND WHEREAS (b) the rate of interest to be paid is Five per centum per annum.

AND WHEREAS (c) the rate of interest of ratable property in the City according to the last revised assessment roll is \$10,000.00.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the expenditure for the indebtedness of the City is \$21,700.00, whereof to park is a sum of \$1,700.00.

WHEREFORE the Council of the City of Strathcona, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

That the Council of the City of Strathcona shall expend \$12,000.00 in the purchase of the lands hereinbefore described and the sum of \$12,000.00 in the sinking fund debentures of the City to the amount of \$12,000.00 in sums not less than \$100 each year until the sum of the principal of the by-law, each of which debenture shall be dated on the first day of January of the year in which it is issued and shall be repayable within twenty-five years thereafter at the office of the City Treasurer in the said City of Strathcona.

2. Each of the said debentures shall be signed by the Mayor of the City of Strathcona or by some other person authorized by by-law to sign the same, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the said City of Strathcona and the said Secretary-Treasurer shall attach thereto the corporate seal of the City of Strathcona.

3. The debenture shall bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum payable yearly, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of such interest and for the payment of the sum herein before referred to, the said yearly sum being the portion of principal herein before referred to, the said yearly sum being of such amount that each instalment of principal and

interest (which instalment shall be as nearly as possible equal to the instalment of principal and interest payable in each year).

4. This by-law shall take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof by the Council of the City of Strathcona and the election of the Returning Officer of the City of Strathcona shall be taken on this by-law at the Council Chambers in the City of Strathcona on the Twenty-ninth day of May A.D. 1907, commencing at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon and ending at three o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

George Francis Downes, Secretary-Treasurer of the City of Strathcona, is hereby appointed Returning Officer, and James Henry Dowse, Deputy Returning Officer for the purpose of taking such votes.

The said Returning Officer shall attend at the Council Chambers in the City of Strathcona on the Thirtieth day of May A.D. 1907, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon to sum up the number of votes for and against the proposed by-law, and shall do so in the presence of the Mayor and the Council Chambers on the Twenty-second day of May for the purpose of counting the votes and at the final summing of the votes by the Returning Officer on behalf of the Council Chambers in the City of Strathcona in pronouncing or opposing the passing of the by-law respectively.

The said Council Chambers in the City of Strathcona this 6th day of May A.D. 1907 and provisionally passed.

[SIGNED] Mayor, GRO. F. DOWNS, Secretary-Treasurer.

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